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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

In the Specification:

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Before the "Technical Field" please insert the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is entitled to the benefit of, and incorporates by reference, essential subject matter disclosed in European Patent Application No. 01102566.5 filed on February 6, 2001.

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Please replace the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

Methods for digital signature are generally known from textbooks on cryptography; at present, asymmetric methods, also called public key methods, are preferably used. Further notes can also be found in the above-mentioned publication WO 98/52151.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 4-8, to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the payment instruction is digitally signed in the mobile device.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the payment confirmation is digitally signed in the payment center.

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the payment demand contains the address to which the payment confirmation is sent.

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the third link is implemented by means of the first and second link.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein Bluetooth or IrDa is used as the first interface and GSM, GPRS or UTMS are used as the second interference.

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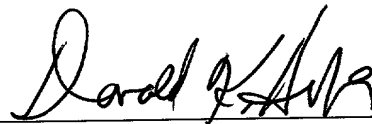
The above amendments are being made to remove multiple dependencies from its claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification and Claims. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the phone number listed below. While Applicant believes no fees are due with the filing of this amendment, please charge any deficiencies in fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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Payment system by means of a mobile device

Cross Reference to Related Applications: This application is entitled to the benefit of, and incorporates by reference, essential subject matter
Technical field disclosed in European Patent Application No. 01102566.5 filed on February 6, 2001.

- 5 The invention relates to the handling of electronically performed payment processes by using a mobile device which uses a wireless data link.

10 The use of mobile telephones for the purpose of payment is described in European patent application EP 0 708 547 A2. This makes use of the fact that a secure identification of the subscriber is needed even just for setting up a connection, because of invoicing it. In this proposal, therefore, the amount is input by
15 the subscriber on his mobile telephone, confirmed by the network operator and transmitted to the cash office of the dealer. It is also proposed to use a wireless link between cash office and mobile telephone, in which the cash office monitors or intercepts the
20 communication to the switchboard regardless of the fact that this link is encrypted and should not be interceptable by third parties.

A payment system in which a mobile telephone confirms
25 the payment is described in international publication WO 98/47116. A computer designated as TSN, which splits the handling of the payment traffic, is used for this purpose. The mobile telephone sends a message to the TSN in which the receiving cash office and the amount
30 are designated. The TSN then sends a confirmation to the cash office. Direct communication via a short-distance link is not described.

In international publication WO 98/52151, a payment
35 system is described in which the payment process is effected by a digitally signed payment instruction, an electronic check, as it were.

The previous description has been based on the fact that arbitrary networks are used and the messages are, therefore, signed digitally. When using closed user groups in X.25 or ISDN, in particular, a signature of the payment confirmation is not necessary, for example, since the cash register can be assured in this case that no third parties have access to the network. In the same manner, the additional digital signature can be omitted when the payment center is integrated into the facilities of the network operator since the communication is encrypted, in any case, and the operator is assured, in any case, via authentication facilities that a particular customer has set up the connection. However, since contemporary cash registers are controlled by modified personal computers, the computing power of which is sufficient for window operating systems and which can handle the necessary cryptographic calculations in fractions of seconds, the digital signature as described is preferred.

In particular, the payment confirmation can additionally contain its own public key which is signed by a third entity such as a dealer's association. This process is only necessary between payment center and dealer's association and not bilaterally between each payment center and each cash register.

The same applies to the communication between the mobile device and the payment center. In particular, the operator of the mobile radio network can provide

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In the claims:

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein the payment instruction is digitally signed in the mobile device.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein the payment confirmation is digitally signed in the payment center.

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the payment demand contains the address to which the payment confirmation is sent.

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the third link is implemented by means of the first and second link.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein Bluetooth or IrDa is used as the first interface and GSM, GPRS or UTMS are used as the second interference.

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